



IT LET HIM OUT.



Carrye—No; I wouldn't marry the best man living.
Cholly—Well, I don't pretend to be the best man living.—Chicago Journal.

Not a Case for The Hague.
The pestilent chill called theague imparts a sensation so vague, scarce know what's the matter; But all your teeth chatter, And all your bones shiver and plague.—Chicago Tribune.

Sold Again.
The horse, a very handsome animal, had just changed hands.
"I do not see any fault in him," boasted the proud buyer.
"No, and I can assure you that he will never see any in you," remarked the foxy salesman, pocketing the fat roll.
It was not until the horse had walked into a post on his way out of the ring that the buyer realized the truth of this remark.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Always on Time.
Now let us warble and be gay
In spite of politicians' sins,
We always get Thanksgiving day
Regardless of which party wins.
—Washington Star.

THE HANDICAP OF MARRIAGE.



Mrs. Dockett—You'll miss half the fun if you don't take us with you.
Mr. Dockett—But I'll miss the other half if I do.—Tattler.

The Quarter-Back.
He goes to college bound to make
A name with fame repeat,
And then on history's golden page
He writes it with his feet.
—Judge.

An Osculatory Pose.
"I hear Jack Nervey was seen kissing you out on the golf links."
"Yes, he took a mean advantage of me, when I couldn't defend myself. He did it just as I was posed to hit the ball."
—Kansas City Star.

The Good They Did.
Mrs. Cullen—Was Mrs. Lottomon successful in her charitable enterprises?
Mrs. Nearleinn—Was she? She got into the Four Hundred on them.—Judge.

Not Courting Comment.
The voters here say you have done absolutely nothing during your present term.
"Good," answered Senator Sorghum, "much better than to have them discussing what I really did."
—Washington Star.

Failure.
Mr. Blabb—How beautiful these autumn leaves look on the grass!
Mrs. Blabb—No, Josiah! You can't work that again this year. I expect you to rake those leaves up at once.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Always Found Her So.

A story is told of a lady who complained to a shopkeeper that, in sending parcels to her, he would address her as "The Honorable."
"Don't mention it, ma'am. It doesn't signify at all."
"But it does signify. My parcels may go to the wrong person. I am not 'Honorable.'"
"We, madam, have always found you so."—Smith's Weekly.

A Deep and Lasting Sorrow.

Mr. Sayles—Why, my dear, why are you crying?
Mrs. Sayles (with sobs)—Oh, John, don't you remember my new crepon skirt I got at such a bargain last week for £3?
Mr. Sayles—Yes; what then?
Mrs. Sayles (weeping afresh)—I p-p-passed Lacey's to-day, and they were all m-m-marked down to £2 19s. 11½d. Bob-hoo!—Smith's Weekly.

Financially All There.

"I do not like his ways, I fear."
"To dissipation each one leans."
And then her mother answered: "Dear, it is not ways one wants, but means."
—N. Y. Herald.

TOO FUNNY.



"Look at me! Look at me!" pleaded the distracted lover. "See how your aloofness affects me! Only give me one glance."
"Oh, don't tempt me," said the gentle dame, keeping her eyes averted.
"Don't tempt me to look at you. I have a fever blister on my lip and can't laugh."—Chicago Tribune.

An Attraction.

Mistress—Goodness, Mary! What's that you've got on?
Maid (with becoming pride)—That's a pleasure 'at, mum.
Mistress—But, Mary, it isn't suitable. Why, I wouldn't think of wearing such a thing.
Maid (smiling)—I desay not, mum. You've got to be parsable good-lookin' to carry it off, as it were.—Ally Sloper.

Carelessness.

"Don't you think it will look a little careless if we put the price of coal any higher?" said one baron.
"What do you mean?" asked the other.
"It will make some of the members of the combine suspect that we haven't been realizing the top-notch possibilities of profit heretofore."—Washington Star.

A Quiet Rebuke.

"Mr. Smith," said the neighbor's boy, "pa sent me over to borrow your morning paper."
"Haven't time to lend it to-day, Bobby," replied Mr. Smith. "But here's three cents. Tell him I'll send over for it when I need it. Same as I do when he borrows the paper."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Cause and Effect.

Mrs. Neighbors—I'm sorry to hear that your husband is ill.
Mrs. Homer—Oh, I guess it isn't anything serious.
Mrs. Neighbors—What seems to be the trouble?
Mrs. Homer—He took a fancy to a new brand of health food and ate too much of it.—Chicago News.

Why He Felt Badly.

"Don't feel so cut up about it, Mr. Skemer," said Miss Roxley, after rejecting him. "I'm not the first girl you ever loved; nor, I venture to say, am I likely to be the last."
"No," he sighed, disconsolately, "but you're the richest."—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Exit in Sight.

"Young Spender's father died last week, and left him rolling in wealth."
"Well, he has a lot of friends who will help him roll out of it."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

LARGEST BRIDGE ON EARTH

Contract Is Let for Structure 10,270 Feet Long Span East River, New York.

The Pennsylvania Steel company, of Steelton, Pa., has entered into a contract to build the Blackwell's island bridge at New York, the largest ever constructed. It will be 10,270 feet long, containing 100,000,000 pounds of steel, 135 feet high, the contract price aggregating \$5,000,000. It will have trolley tracks, elevated roads, foot and drive-ways.

The bridge will be the longest and heaviest of the three across the East river. It is to be located on a line between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets in Manhattan, and will connect this borough with the borough of Queens on Long Island. The width of the lower floor will be 90 feet and the upper floor is to be 60 feet, with four trolley tracks and two elevated railroad tracks.

The top of the tower above high water is to be 300 feet, the length of the river span is to be 1,182 feet, and the length of the bridge proper will be 3,720 feet. The length of the Queens approach is to be 5,500 feet, and the total length of the bridge and approaches will be 10,270 feet.

When finished it will have eight miles of trolley tracks and four miles of elevated railroad tracks. This is considered sufficient to carry 150,000,000 passengers per year.

To cover these tracks it would require 2,000 cars and to cover the entire bridge it would take 1,000,000 people.

WOMAN PREVENTS A WRECK

Gallops on Pony Three Miles to Warn Strangers of Burning Bridge.

Mrs. Horace Spaulding, residing north of La Crosse, Wis., mounted a pony and galloped three miles in the darkness over a country road at four o'clock the other morning, aroused the section hands at De Soto and saved a Burlington train from going through a burning bridge.

Mrs. Spaulding was awakened by a Burlington passenger train which passed her home about three o'clock. Being unable to go to sleep again, she arose, dressed and went out of doors. A bright light on the railroad arrested her attention and she discovered that a small railroad bridge was burning fiercely, sparks having caught fire from the spindles of a passing locomotive.

Hastily mounting her pony Mrs. Spaulding galloped to De Soto, the nearest station. She barely succeeded in arousing the section foreman when the rumble of an approaching freight train was heard, and the signals were put out in time to stop it.

There is a steep down grade from the depot to the point where the bridge was burning, and as the train was a heavy one, it could not have stopped after it had reached a place from where the bridge could have been seen.

Property Left in Carriages.

The feature of the annual report of the London commissioner of police that invariably attracts most notice is the record of property left in "public carriages." It is the point of most direct human appeal to the personal sympathies of the average reader. No fewer than 48,188 articles were found in public carriages and handed over to the police by drivers and conductors in 1903. The list is headed with a score of 21,956 by—need you ask?—umbrellas. At the other extremity stands one human skull, which may imply either a gruesome tragedy or a medical student on a spree.

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Nov. 26.	
CATTLE—Common	\$2.50 @ 3.75
Heavy steers	4.65 @ 5.25
CALVES—Extra	7.75 @ 8.00
HOGS—Ch. packers	4.75 @ 4.80
Mixed packers	4.40 @ 4.65
SHEEP—Extra	4.00 @ 4.00
LAMBS—Extra	5.85 @ 6.00
FLOUR—Spring pat.	6.25 @ 6.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1.16 @ 1.11½
No. 3 winter	1.11½ @ 1.11
CORN—No. 2 mixed	57½ @ 58
No. 2 white	58 @ 58
OATS—No. 2 mixed	33 @ 33
RYE—No. 2	83 @ 85
HAY—Ch. timothy	12.25 @ 12.25
PORK—Clear mess.	13.05 @ 13.05
LARD—Steam	7.12½ @ 7.25
BUTTER—Ch. dairy	16 @ 16
Choice creamery	27 @ 27
APPLES—Choice	2.25 @ 2.75
POTATOES—Per bbl	1.60 @ 1.65
TOBACCO—New	5.25 @ 12.25
Old	4.75 @ 14.50
Chicago.	
FLOUR—Winter pat.	5.30 @ 5.40
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1.12½ @ 1.13½
No. 3 red	1.02 @ 1.10
CORN—No. 2 mixed	52 @ 52
OATS—No. 2 mixed	31½ @ 32
RYE—No. 2	78 @ 78
PORK—Mess	11.40 @ 11.45
LARD—Steam	7.02½ @ 7.05
New York.	
FLOUR—Win. str's	5.35 @ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1.20 @ 1.20
CORN—No. 2 mixed	55½ @ 55½
OATS—No. 2 mixed	36 @ 37½
PORK—Family	15.00 @ 15.00
LARD—Steam	7.50 @ 7.50
Baltimore.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1.17½ @ 1.17½
CORN—No. 2 mixed	57 @ 57
OATS—No. 2 mixed	32½ @ 32½
CATTLE—Steers	3.00 @ 3.75
HOGS—Dressed	6.00 @ 6.50
Louisville.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1.16 @ 1.16
CORN—No. 2 mixed	57 @ 57
OATS—No. 2 mixed	33½ @ 33½
LARD—Steam	7.75 @ 7.75
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Indianapolis.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1.18 @ 1.18
CORN—No. 2 mixed	73 @ 73
OATS—No. 2 mixed	33½ @ 33½

OFFICIAL CUP OF COFFEE.

Proper Method of Brewing the Beverage to Be Determined in Washington.

By direction of the secretary of agriculture the bureau of plant industry is to take up at once experiments to determine the best manner in which to brew a cup of coffee. To this end, says a Washington report, F. L. Lewton, a specially trained expert, has been engaged. The view of the department is that a cup of coffee is good because of the manner in which it is brewed, rather than from the quality of the bean from which the beverage is made. It will be appreciated by all persons acquainted with the art and mystery of coffee-making that various conditions, apparently trivial in themselves, have to be taken into consideration in producing the beverage.

For instance, in the process of roasting the beans may be more or less damaged by being under or over done, and the flavor of the coffee thus impaired to a corresponding degree. Hence the necessity for ideal conditions in roasting. Again, the effects of water at various temperatures upon the ground coffee and the proper period for infusion will, for the first time in the history of coffee-making, be thoroughly and accurately ascertained.

The retention of caffeine, the active principle of coffee, to which it owes its stimulating effects, and the elimination of the caffeotannic and caffeic acids, which are not only injurious to health, but communicate an unpleasant, bitter taste to the beverage, will be, of course, the principal objects.

MURMURS FROM GROUND.

Strange Sounds Heard for Many Centuries on the Red Sea Borders.

A singular phenomenon occurs on the borders of the Red sea to a place called Nakous, where intermittent underground sounds have been heard for an unknown number of centuries. It is situated about half a mile distant from the shore, whence a long reach of sand ascends rapidly to a height of 300 feet. This reach is about 800 feet wide and resembles an amphitheater, being walled by low rocks.

The sounds coming up from the ground at this place recur at intervals of about an hour. They at first resemble a low murmur, but ere long there is heard a loud knocking, somewhat like the strokes of a bell and which at the end of about five minutes becomes so strong as to agitate the sand. The explanation of this curious phenomenon given by the Arabs is that there is a convent under the ground here and that these monks ring for prayers. So they call it Nakous, which means bell.

The Arabs affirm that the noise so frightens their camels when they hear it as to render them furious. Philosophers attribute the sound to suppressed volcanic action—probably to the bubbling of gas or vapor underground.

Her Mistake.

"Mamma," said a little West side girl yesterday morning, "I can't go to school to-day. My tooth is achin' awful."
"All right, Lucy," said her mother, "get your jacket and I'll take you to a dentist and have the tooth pulled."
The child hesitated a moment and then said: "Oh, mamma, I made a mistake. It ain't my tooth—it's my head that's achin'."—Kansas City Times.

Willing to Oblige.

The Bride—Oh, Jack! You shouldn't kiss me before all those girls.
The Groom—I'm glad my little wife is so unselfish, and just to please you I'll kiss all those girls first.—Chicago Daily News.

Fitting Ceremonies.

A surgeon tells of a patient who was about to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but before submitting to the knife sent for his pastor, so that he could be opened with prayer.—Chicago Tribune.

A Teacher's Testimony.

Hinton, Ky., Nov. 28 (Special)—It has long been claimed that Diabetes is incurable, but Mr. E. J. Thompson, teacher in the Hinton school, has pleading evidence to the contrary. Mr. Thompson had Diabetes. He took Dodd's Kidney Pills and is cured. In a statement he makes regarding his cure Mr. Thompson says:
"I was troubled with my kidneys for more than two years and was treated by two of the best doctors in this part of the state. They claimed I had Diabetes and there was little to be done for me. Then I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and what they did for me was wonderful. It is entirely owing to Dodd's Kidney Pills that I am now enjoying good health."
Mr. Thompson still maintains that Diabetes is incurable, but Diabetes is a kidney disease and the kidney disease that Dodd's Kidney Pills will not cure has yet to be discovered.

His Pride.

"Why did you tip that waiter? You can't afford to give away money."
"I know it, but I didn't want him to find it out."—Detroit Free Press.

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The Russian brand of patriotism may be judged from the fact that about half the population would leave the country if they could get safely over the border.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Lowest Rates Ever Made to Florida, for Midwinter Exposition and South Florida Fair, Tampa, Fla. Tickets will be sold beginning November 15th, 1904, with final limit of 21 days. See that your ticket reads via Seaboard Air Line Railway, the shortest and best route to and through Florida.

A woman attaches more importance to asking three people to afternoon tea than an admiral does to taking battleships into action.—N. Y. Press.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Good advice is well enough in its way, but a hungry man can't make a satisfactory meal of it.—Chicago Daily News.

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Miss Whittaker, a prominent club woman of Savannah, Ga., tells how she was entirely cured of ovarian troubles by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I heartily recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a Uterine Tonic and Regulator. I suffered for four years with irregularities and Uterine troubles. No one but those who have experienced this dreadful agony can form any idea of the physical and mental misery those endure who are thus afflicted. Your Vegetable Compound cured me within three months. I was fully restored to health and strength, and now my periods are regular and painless. What a blessing it is to be able to obtain such a remedy when so many doctors fail to help you. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is better than any doctor or medicine I ever had. Very truly yours, Miss Whittaker, 604 39th St., W. Savannah, Ga."

No physician in the world has had such a training or such an amount of information at hand to assist in the treatment of all kinds of female ills as Mrs. Pinkham. In her office at Lynn, Mass., she is able to do more for the ailing women of America than the family physician. Any woman, therefore, is responsible for her own trouble who will not take the pains to write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice is free.

A letter from another woman showing what was accomplished in her case by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I am so grateful to you for the help Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me that I deem it but a small return to write you an expression of my experience.
"Many years suffering with weakness, inflammation, and a broken down system, made me more anxious to die than live, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound soon restored my lost strength. Taking the medicine only two weeks produced a radical change, and two months restored me to perfect health. I am now a changed woman, and my friends wonder at the change, it is so marvellous. Sincerely yours, Miss MATTIE HENRY, 429 Green St., Danville, Va."

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